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(Amended) [0042] FIG. 12 illustrates a second alternative construction of the collar.

73 The second alternative construction of the collar 90 is identical to that of the collar 12 except for the addition of a series of bumps, protrusions, or embossments 92 extending outwardly from the exterior surface of the insert portion 20. The bumps 92 function in a manner similar to that of the ribs 82 of the sleeve 80. The bumps 92 abut and depress a portion of the inner surface of the confection cup 14 to retard the tendency of the confection cup 14 to spin relative to the collar 12. The bumps 92 can also be provided on the inner surface 41 of the sleeve 16, such as shown in FIG. 13, to extend inwardly to engage the outer surface of the confection cup 14.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 53-61 without prejudice. Claims 53-61 are canceled without prejudice solely to place the claims in better form for appeal.

Kindly enter new claim 81 as shown below:

TH Sub E9 81. (New) A sleeve for a confection cup/assembly for mixing the ingredients for a confection, the cup assembly comprising a cup and a collar, the cup having a cup body defining a cup recess with an open top and a closed bottom, and the collar having an insert portion sized to be slidably received within the cup open top and into the cup recess, the sleeve comprising:
a sleeve body defining a sleeve recess for receiving the cup, the sleeve body having a bottom wall for supporting the bottom wall of the cup and a peripheral wall extending from the bottom wall and terminating in an upper edge to define an open top providing access to the sleeve recess, at least one air passage extending through the bottom wall, and at least one longitudinal slot extending through the peripheral wall to permit the sleeve body to be deflected into the sleeve recess and thereby permit the application of a compressive force to the cup when the cup is received within the sleeve recess to frictionally restrain the cup from movement relative to the sleeve body.